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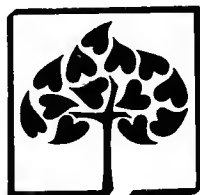
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From the Desk of the President

CRISIS (?)

The *modus operandi* of the practical politician and his sympathizers, as it pertains to any special area of desired action, has become quite standardized over the centuries.

The essential first step is to find or create a complaint, a cause or an issue. Secondly, this issue is given publicity, whipping up public sentiment that something should be done about it. In today's world this is done by the use (or abuse) of the mass media. A demand for action is thereby created, and usually a commission or group of commissions seize upon the issue, each coming up with an answer. The number that become interested in the issue is limited only by its breadth of appeal and the rewards that will accrue to the ones who ultimately have control within that solution. The commission appointed is frequently weighted in favor of the desired decisions of the one who makes the appointments, and, more often than not, the expected report is returned with the desired recommendations for the resolution of the issue at stake.

This set of recommendations is then sent to the decision-making governing body and, if it is deemed a prudent plan by that body, it is acted upon favorably.

One cannot fault this process of and by itself for it has been the instrument by which many great changes have come about in institutions at all levels of society. But it is also the method that has been used by demi-gods, with minor or major variations, since the beginning of time to bring about changes that have been less than desirable and at times disastrous.

To the point—today and for the last few years strident voices have been heard proclaiming a state of crisis to exist in the field of medicine. Strangely this comes at a time when in the context of our history more of our citizens, rather than less, have available quality health services greater than ever before; and the health of our people, as measured by longevity or any of the other standard indices, is better now than at any other point in time. More is known now about what makes people sick and how to detect, prevent, and interrupt pathologic processes.

Where then lies the crises (if any at all exists). And is this word "crisis" being correctly used? Or is it being used for its dramatic impact in this very sensitive area?

The three "crisis" areas of question that are most frequently pointed to as the ones of greatest concern are quality, accessibility and cost of health care. These problems should be addressed and where possible their resolution should be brought about, preferably without precipitous and perilous haste.

The assumption that we have reached an "alarming crisis" in health care is open to significant doubt. Serious errors in judgment are frequently made in states of alarm.

So let us move to effect proper changes—after proper thought—unhurriedly.

—C. E. Pichette, M.D.
President



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Editorial

A HYPOTHETICAL QUESTION

I wonder what would happen if the shoe were on the other foot? Instead of HMO let us help society by organizing a CMO, an LMO, and a EMO. These abbreviations stand for Construction Maintenance Organization, Labor Maintenance Organization, and Electrical Maintenance Organization. We might even get together a PMO (Plumbers Maintenance Organization).

These are some of the people who are trying to get the HMO into being to deliver medical care at a lower cost.

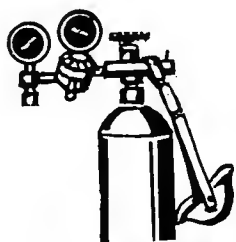
As the old saying goes; it depends on whose ox is being gored. Indeed it does! Can you possibly visualize what would happen if we tried to organize one of the above?

I'm sure there are good workers that would be willing to build a house, install plumbing, etc. at a lower cost to the consumer than what is available today. But how would the labor unions react? History has shown us the answer. Most certainly they would not go ahead in the interest of free enterprise and an open society and say, you have as much right to work as we do. Again I say, history has shown us the answer—the answers of the strikes, the closed shops, and the violence of many of the picket lines.

But yet the same people who would oppose a CMO are more than willing to help organize the HMO. After all, it's not their ox.

—William Moskalik, M.D.
Editor

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MEDICAL SCHOOL RALLY IN CANTON



Dr. Roth

All members are invited to a meeting of the Sixth District, OSMA, in support of the proposed medical school, to be held on Wednesday, March 28 at Canton. Speaker will be Russell B. Roth, M.D., president-elect of the American Medical Association, who will talk on "Medical Education in the Future."

All six counties of the Sixth District lie within the 17-county area to be served by the proposed consortium of Youngstown State University, Akron State University and Kent State University. Sixth District support, which was previously divided among the three universities, is now united behind the consortium concept for this area.

The meeting, expected to draw a large crowd of physicians, legislators and laymen, will be held at the Canton Cultural Center for the Arts, 1001 Market Ave. Dinner will be 7:00, preceded by a social hour, and will cost \$6.00. A flyer with a ticket-order blank is being sent to every doctor in the Sixth District. Members of the Mahoning County Medical Society are urged to respond.

The consortium concept is supported by the Medical School Committee of the Mahoning County Medical Society and was brought about through the work of this committee, chaired by Dr. L. P. Caccamo.

MEDICAL ASSISTANTS' BLUE CROSS DUE

Doctors are asked to remind their girls that the six-month payment for Blue Cross and Blue Shield, through the Mahoning County Medical Society Medical Assistants Group, is due no later than Thursday, Feb. 15.

Payment at this time will carry subscribers up through July 31, 1973, the date of the next billing. All members of the Medical Assistants Group have received bills from the medical society office.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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February 14: Father-Son Banquet of Corydon Palmer Dental Society. Physicians and sons invited. Speaker: Chuck Tanner. Dinner 7:00. Ramada Inn.

March 15: Doctors' Day, sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary. Dinner 6:30. Youngstown Country Club.

March 20: Regular March meeting. Business and program to be announced. Dinner 6:30. Youngstown Club.

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INSTALLATION BANQUET WELL ATTENDED



1973 Council: (1st row) Drs. Jack Schreiber, W. E. Sovik, R. A. Abdu, W. T. Martin, L. J. Zehr, J. W. Tandatnick. (2nd row) C. C. White, F. A. Pesa, J. C. Melnick, G. H. Dietz, A. V. Banez, C. E. Pichette. (3rd row) William Moskalik. Several members were unable to be present.



(Above) Dr. Pichette receives gavel from Dr. Holden. (Left) Dr. Holden receives appreciation plaque, awards Bulletin to Dr. Melnick.



An unusually large crowd of 140 persons turned out to applaud the retiring and the new officers and to enjoy the entertainment at the installation banquet of the Mahoning County Medical Society, Tuesday, Jan. 16 at Ramada Inn.

Dr. Henry Holden was presented a plaque in appreciation for his year as president. He in turn presented a new gavel to incoming president, Dr. Ed Pichette. The gavel was made especially for Dr. Pichette by Dr. Pat Cestone.

Dr. Holden presented a bound volume of the 1972 *Bulletin* to retiring editor, Dr. John C. Melnick. He also gave recognition to those leaving the council: Dr. J. F. Stotler, Dr. A. B. Cinelli, Dr. L. P. Caccamo, Dr. D. J. Dallis and Dr. K. M. Lloyd.

A moment of silence was observed prior to the meeting in memory of those who passed away during 1972: Drs. J. F. Bierkamp, Robert Ciekurs, H. E. Mathay, R. H. Middleton, Dean Nesbit, Lawrence Segal and W. B. Turner.



(Top) Dr. and Mrs. Holden pose with their family, Michelle and Henry, Jr., Dr. Pichette addresses the meeting. (Bottom) Entertainment by the Abraham Brothers and the Youngstown Ballet.

Mrs. C. Edward Pichette, president of the Woman's Auxiliary was introduced. All past presidents of the Medical Society in attendance were acknowledged.

Dr. Charles H. McGowen, chairman, arranged the entertainment portion of the program and introduced the Abraham Brothers, gospel singers, and a group from the Youngstown Ballet.

Special guests were Dr. and Mrs. Holden's children, Michelle and Henry, Jr. The invocation was given by Rev. Richard Brobst.

ELI LILLY TOUR IN MAY

Another tour to the Eli Lilly plant in Indianapolis, including an afternoon at the Indianapolis "500" speedway, is being planned for a group of physicians and wives from Mahoning and Trumbull counties.

Those attending will arrive by private car on Wednesday, May 16, and will leave Saturday, May 19th, following the "500" time trials. Reservations may be made by calling the Eli Lilly representative, Bob McGivern, 782-7054, or by calling the office of the Mahoning County Medical Society, 746-8431. Members of the Trumbull County Medical Society will be enlisted to go on the tour through their own medical society.

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GONORRHEA PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT

This is a summary of our progress during the first five months of the gonorrhea screening program supported by the Youngstown Health Department and the Ohio Department of Health. Prior to August, 1972, our laboratory was processing an average of 100 cultures per month from the city's venereal disease clinic only. As we begin 1973, from the added sources of clinical reference, we are processing about 500 per month. The Ohio Health Department V.D. epidemiology division projects that for this city's population, geography, etc., we should be handling, ultimately, 1,000 per month. State public health representatives are trying to work out with our local hospitals some method of obtaining routine cultures on all females admitted. In addition, several physicians who routinely do Pap smears in their offices, are also routinely making T-M cultures for us to pick up and examine.

SPECIAL GONORRHEA SCREENING PROGRAM

	culture (female) totals 1972				
	August	September	October	November	December
V.D. Clinic:	120 (12+)	118 (20+)	114 (24+)	102 (17+)	92 (14+)
Planned Parents Clinics:	243 (6+)	208 (6+)	228 (7+)	283 (9+)	231 (6+)
Private Physicians:	12 (3+)	98 (5+)	102 (3+)	92 (4+)	150 (4+)
5 month totals:	375 (21+)	424 (31+)	444 (34+)	477 (30+)	473 (24+)

The program appears to be developing well. The main problems we encounter are connected with our courier service. It is sometimes difficult to coordinate telephone calls, working hours, and distances (like from Hubbard to Canfield, Girard, McGuffey, Austintown, etc.). However, with your continued cooperation and patience, we are improving this situation.

It is important to remember that if the T-M culture plate is placed in the candle jar *immediately* after being streaked with the clinical material, the gonococcus will survive and grow within 12-36 hours in a warm room. Therein lies the trick. To make initial transfer (transplant) of the organism from its natural location of choice to the artificially simulated environment with as little trauma as is possible.

We welcome your suggestions, questions, criticisms, in our effort to conduct this program successfully and reduce the incidence of this disease.

Our telephone number for service is 744-8988.

Jan. 8, 1973

—Alberta McDonough
Microbiologist

INDUSTRY HAS SICK-LEAVE PROBLEM

The Board of Censors, in view of information recently brought to both the Board and to the Council of the Mahoning County Medical Society, asks all physicians to be careful and not be misled by patients using medical disability as an excuse to stay away from jobs that they may be medically capable of performing.

Unfortunately it is a fact that there are some people who would rather stay home and collect sick pay than work. The key to the problem appears to be the degree of disability. There are probably no private physicians who are acquainted with the exact physical requirements of the multitude of jobs in industry. Therefore doctors must base their decision as to the ability of a patient to perform work on that patient's description of his job. It is noted by the Board of Censors that the job performance interview can easily be an area of misunderstanding, and physicians should therefore attempt to get a complete picture of the patient's physical work requirements.

BULLETIN BOARD

Because of the great amount of historical material printed in the *Bulletin* all last year, this column, usually a regular feature, had to be deleted for want of space. Compressing a full year into a short space, here are some of the news items from 1972:



FEBRUARY

Dr. Edward Kessler was promoted to clinical associate professor of medicine at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

Dr. Raymond S. Lupse was named to head the medical and paramedical division of the Mahoning County Cancer Crusade.

Dr. Arthur E. Rappoport was made chairman of the committee on automation and documentation of the new World Pathology Foundation.

Dr. Robert A. Bacani addressed 800 students at the annual science forum of the Industrial Information Institute.

Dr. Wilfred B. Dodgson was appointed pediatrician-neonatologist for the Tod Babies' and Children's Hospital.

Dr. Jack Schreiber was awarded his fifth Freedoms Foundation Award for a speech that he was making to area high schools and clubs.

Dr. A. K. Phillips was elected as one of four new directors to the Dollar Savings and Trust Co.

Dr. Edmund Massullo and Dr. John J. Turner were speakers at an inter-hospital cardiovascular nursing conference for registered nurses and licensed practical nurses.

Dr. Ray Fenton retired as Mahoning County Health Commissioner.

MARCH

Dr. George B. Pugh was elected president of staff at Youngstown Hospital Association.

Dr. Lawrence M. Pass was granted membership in the American College of Physicians.

Dr. William Moskalik was certified as a diplomate of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Roy Mellon was appointed by Mayor Jack Hunter to a five-year term on the Youngstown Board of Health.

APRIL

Dr. L. S. Shensa won a third place bronze medal in the color print category of the Everglades National Park photography competition.

Dr. Michael J. Vuksta addressed that 21st annual clinic of the Mahoning Valley Coaches Association.

The Woman's Auxiliary gave \$1,000 to Tod Babies' and Children's Hospital for an ultrasonic blood pressure measurement instrument in the intensive care nursery.

A special committee, headed by Dr. John C. Melnick and including Dr. Edwin Brody and others, made a study of the X-ray programs of the Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana County Tuberculosis Associations.

Dr. S. V. Squicquero, Dr. Robert A. Wiltse, Dr. Henry Holden and Dr. Walter Greissing took part in a seminar of the Youngstown Board of Health at the North Side Community Action Council.

MAY

Dr. Armin V. Banez was elected president of the Medical-Dental Bureau.

Dr. Paul Ruth became president of the Ohio Ophthalmological Society and was installed in ceremonies held in Cincinnati.

Dr. Elias T. Saadi was re-elected president of the Eastern Ohio Chapter of the Heart Association.

Dr. William H. Bunn, Jr. was elected governor of the Ohio Division of the American College of Physicians.

JUNE

Dr. Simon W. Chiasson was named first president of the Eastern Ohio Council of Medical Staffs of Private Hospitals, Inc.

Dr. Anthony N. Pannozzo became a Diplomate of the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

Dr. Raymond S. Lupse was named to head the Uterine Cancer Control Task Force of the American Cancer Society, Ohio Division.

Dr. Bernard Schneider was re-elected president of Rodef Sholom Temple.

JULY

Dr. Felix Pesa was appointed director of surgical education at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

AUGUST

Dr. Kurt J. Wegner was named chairman for the ALSAC drive to raise funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. His co-chairman was Dr. George River.

SEPTEMBER

Dr. Nicholas A. Pappas was named medical director for the Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults of Mahoning County.

OCTOBER

Dr. William E. Sovik was elected vice chairman of the House of Delegates of the American Association of Ophthalmology.

Eight area physicians were inducted as Diplomates of the American Academy of Family Physicians. They are: Dr. Samuel Goldberg, Dr. F. A. Friedrich, Dr. Joseph V. Newsome, Dr. David H. Levy, Dr. Sidney C. Keyes, Dr. Paul E. Krupko, Dr. Richard W. Juvancic and Dr. Louis C. Zeller.

Dr. Sadiq S. Husain was certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

NOVEMBER

Dr. David H. Levy was elected president of the Mahoning-Trumbull Chapter of the American Academy of Family Practice. Dr. Harold Chevlen was elected president-elect and Dr. Fred Dunlea secretary-treasurer.

DECEMBER

Dr. Henry L. Shorr was elected to active membership in the American Academy of Family Physicians.

JANUARY

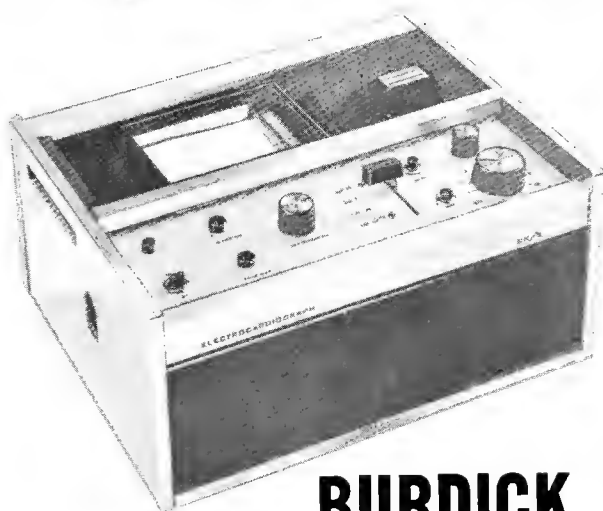
Dr. James Dallis was elected president of St. John's Greek Orthodox Church.

Dr. Charles H. McGowen was elected president of the Poland School Board.

Dr. Kurt Wegner addressed the Northeastern Ohio Chapter of Critical Care Nurses Association on the subject of "Oxygen Therapy and Thermal Control of the Newborn."

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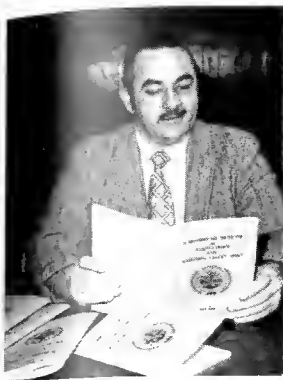
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PUBLISHES HISTORY OF MEDICINE



Dr. John C. Melnick, whose "medical firsts" were an entertaining feature of the 1972 *Bulletin*, has established his own "first" with the publication of the first history of local medicine. Entitled "A History of Medicine in Youngstown and Mahoning Valley, Ohio," the 132 page book came off the press on Jan. 31st.

The book is profusely illustrated and contains all of the major historical articles written by Dr. Melnick for publication in the *Bulletin* last year plus numerous short articles and features on both medical history and the centennial celebration. Those who have found that they were unable to save all of their 1972 *Bulletins* may still have a handsome souvenir of the centennial year in the purchase of this book.

Having set the cost of the book at \$3.50, Dr. Melnick has stated that he hopes to be able to defray his publishing expenses, and, if there should be a profit, he will donate it toward some appropriate charity or medical project.

The first printing of the book has been limited to 500 copies. A number of these are already spoken for by those physicians and historians who were aware of the preparation of the book. Dr. Melnick will have copies on hand at both his Hitchcock Center and his South Side Hospital office. Copies will also be available at the Medical Society office, 1005 Belmont Ave.

RESOLUTION DEADLINE SET

Deadlines for resolutions to be submitted for consideration by the House of Delegates of the Ohio State Medical Association is Wednesday, March 7. In accordance with the OSMA constitution, resolutions must be filed with the Executive Director of the Association at least 60 days prior to the first day of the delegates meeting.

Any member of the Mahoning County Medical Society may submit a resolution. However, since resolutions must be introduced by delegates, it would be wise to discuss it with one of our delegates before submitting it to OSMA. Current delegates are: Drs. J. C. Melnick, F. A. Pesa, C. E. Pichette and Jack Schreiber.

Any member desiring help in drafting a resolution into proper form may call Howard Rempes at the Medical Society office.

BOARD CERTIFIED

Dr. Louis P. Alexander has successfully passed the second oral examination of The American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology taken in Chicago during the first part of November 1972. In doing so, he became a certified diplomate of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

He graduated from the Creighton University—School of Medicine and took his internship and complete specialty training in Obstetrics and Gynecology at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

* * * * *

Dr. Lawrence M. Pass, director of clinical hematology for Youngstown Hospital Association has been named a diplomate of the subspecialty Board of Hematology of the American Board of Internal Medicine, having passed the first board examination to be given for hematology. Dr. Pass was already a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine.

He is currently a coordinator for the hospital-community sickle cell anemia program and head of the YHA hemophiliac treatment program, a satellite regional treatment center of the Ohio Bureau of Crippled Children's Services.



E. TROY McCUNE, M.D.

1907 - 1973

Dr. E. Troy McCune, a member of the Mahoning County Medical Society since opening his office in Sebring in 1939, died on Jan. 20th at Brecksville Veterans Hospital where he had been a patient two days.

Dr. McCune was a Pennsylvanian, born in Callery, Oct. 14, 1907, attending grade school in Beaver, high school in Monaca, and being graduated from Geneva College. His medical degree was awarded at Wayne University in 1938. He interned at Deaconess Hospital, Detroit, and continued his education at the University of Pittsburgh. In 1958, he was president of the staff of Alliance City Hospital.

Dr. McCune was a veteran of World War II, a member of VFW, Masonic Lodge, Elks Lodge and the First Presbyterian Church of Sebring. The Mahoning County Medical Society extends deepest sympathy to his wife and family.

COUNCIL COMMENDS INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE

At the January meeting of the Council of the Mahoning County Medical Society consideration was given to the work being done by Youngstown's International Institute, with special emphasis on the services being made available specifically to members of our foreign medical community.

Council recommends to all members of the Medical Society their interest, support and financial support of the work being done by the International Institute.

Programs being directed toward our foreign doctors and their families include:

1. Classes in English (all levels), offered twice weekly at the International Institute, 145 Lincoln Avenue, including a program "More Fluent English" focused on the Foreign Medical Community. Classes can be offered at the hospitals if and when suitable arrangements could be made.
2. Immigration and Naturalization Consultations, at a nominal fee, for adjustment of status to immigrant, extensions of visas and various other procedures on immigration and foreign consular offices.
3. Translating Service (nominal fee) for documents, diplomas and other papers.
4. Intercultural Affairs, held at regular intervals by the Institute for social contacts and exchange of American and foreign cultural understanding. This includes a "Welcome Newcomers" reception once a year.
5. Source of Intercultural Information, with the Institute in a position to advise on customs, food, dress, dance, crafts, etc. of all nationalities.
6. Programs for the Community, designed to provide cultural information for other community organizations. Foreign physicians are encouraged to take part in these programs and supply facts about customs in their own country.

Those wishing to support the International Institute program are encouraged to make a contribution by sending a check to: International Institute of Youngstown, Ohio, Inc., 145 Lincoln Ave., Youngstown 44503. For further information about the Institute and its program, call Mrs. Sanford Weiss, who is a member of the board of trustees.

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Assembling at WFMJ studios for rebuttal program are (l to r) William B. Esson, John Morgan, Dr. Jack Schreiber and Mitch Stanley.

The NBC documentary TV program on "Health Crisis," shown on Dec. 19, received prompt attention from the Mahoning County Medical Society. Through the courtesy of Mitch Stanley, WFMJ-TV host on the "Spotlite" program, three area men appeared on a program of rebuttal on Dec. 30th.

Presenting a picture of area health care and refuting a number of erroneous NBC statements were Dr. Jack Schreiber, William B. Esson, YHA Executive Director and John Morgan, president of Associated Hospital Service (Blue Cross).

A complete analysis of the NBC program by the American Medical Association (published in the American Medical News) showed an unbelievable amount of errors in the TV presentation.

SCHOLARSHIP DINNER DATE SET

Dr. Lou Bloomberg, chairman, announces the date for the seventh annual scholarship dinner to be Thursday, April 12 at Ramada Inn.

This program honoring the top boy and top girl scholar from 24 area high schools (all 21 of Mahoning's high schools plus Girard, Liberty and Hubbard in Trumbull County) is not only unique in this area, but probably has no counterpart among medical societies anywhere.

The program could hardly be more altruistic in nature. The purpose is simply to honor good scholarship. The executive secretary recalls trying to convince a newspaper reporter of this at one of the past scholarship dinners. The reporter was convinced that the Medical Society was trying to persuade the students to go into medicine. While the Medical Society would be delighted to see a number of top area students go into medicine, no one at the dinner tries to pressure them. The entire affair is to honor outstanding scholarship.

Each student in attendance will receive a pin and a certificate enrolling him in the Roster of Scholars of the Mahoning County Medical Society. Physicians and wives will be there to act as hosts.

OSMA REPORTS CENTENNIAL

The night of the Mahoning County Medical Society centennial celebration was reported in a two page illustrated article in the January issue of the Ohio State Medical Journal. In addition to relating the events of the evening at Powers Auditorium and the Medical Society gift to the Arts, the story chronicled other major events that took place during the hundredth year. Accompanying photos included Dr. Holden, Dr. Schreiber and Dr. McDonough with guests, Dr. William R. Schultz, president of OSMA, Dr. Maurice F. Lieber, Sixth District Councilor, and Dr. James H. Sammons, AMA Board of Trustees.

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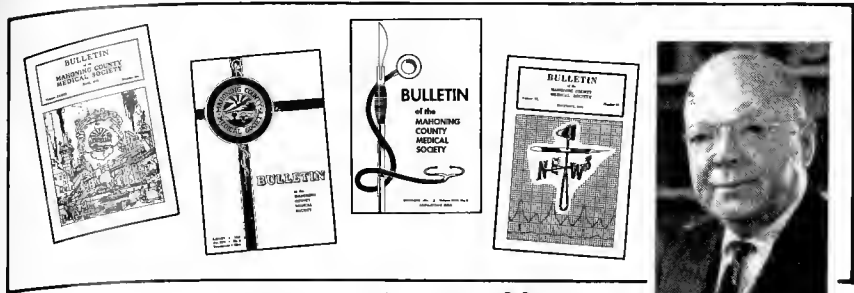
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From the Bulletin

FORTY YEARS AGO — FEBRUARY 1933

There was a great controversy over the cost of medical care. President Coolidge had appointed a committee to study it and after five years their report was made. In fact two of them: A majority report and a minority report. The majority report proposed to lower the cost by a complicated system of group practice centralized in hospitals and most practitioners were opposed to it. There was no mention then of social security because there was no such thing. Neither were there any Blue Cross and Ohio Medical Indemnity.

Business was at a standstill. Two of our banks had shut their doors. Hoover had been defeated and Roosevelt was not to be inaugurated until March. He had promised great things and the people were marking time, hoping the government would do something.

The Health Department reported on the recent smallpox epidemic, 164 cases in Mahoning County. Most of them were mild and many in children. A vigorous campaign was being waged to vaccinate every one. A doctor who was "carrying" a needy patient could get his prescriptions rebated to cost plus 10% by writing MDC on the prescription and the pharmacist would cooperate.

THIRTY YEARS AGO — FEBRUARY 1943

Barclay Brandmiller was in Florida, wishing he were in Ohio. Bill Evans was on the U.S.S. Rixey, an auxiliary hospital ship and transport. John Renner was on the Albemarle, a repair ship for the Navy air arm. Any one who has visited a repair ship or hospital ship and has seen the officer quarters knows that the appointments are de luxe. DeCicco's address changed so often his mail was always three months late. J. E. L. Keyes was in Utah teaching ophthalmology. Joe Keogh was at the Naval Hospital at Aiea Heights overlooking Pearl Harbor. Hank Sisek was around the other side of Oahu clad only in a pair of trunks and getting brown as a native. Gordon Nelson in Chicago and Paul Kaufman in Alabama were both to land soon in Africa.

Local hospitals reported increased occupancy due to group hospitalization but there were still many empty beds. Youngstown Hospital was 85% filled. St. Elizabeth Hospital reported that 20% of admissions were Blue Cross cases.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — FEBRUARY 1953

President Goodwin took note of the new additions to the hospitals and asked "Where are we going to get the personnel to staff them?" The question was appropos and today we are still working to recruit nurses as he advocated then.

An article on the nursing shortage showed that in the past 50 years while the ratio of physicians to population had remained about the same, the ratio of nurses had increased 200%. Yet there was an acute shortage! The article explains that nurses are now doing many things doctors used to do.

The Medical Service Foundation awarded the following scholarships:

Francis Breslyn, Margaret Dechant, Margery Bertrand and Peggy Ann Marsh in nursing; John C. Melnick in medicine.

Dr. John McCann was installed as President of the National Federation of State Medical Boards.

New members were: C. S. Peabody, M. C. Hanysh and L. O. Gregg.

TEN YEARS AGO — FEBRUARY 1963

The Keogh Law permitting physicians to put away tax-free money for their retirement was passed by Congress. No one knew how it was to be administered and the general attitude was to wait and see.

New members that month were Gust Boulis, Wilfred B. Dodgson, Nicholas Joseph Garritano, Philip Bernard Giber, Robert E. Hamlish, Maurice Oudiz, Richard K. Rohrer, Elias T. Saadi, Walter J. Weikenand, Skevos Michael Zervos, Frank G. Kocab, C. Conner White and Paul E. Longaker.

The late Sidney Franklin was appointed Youngstown Commissioner of Health.

A report was received from Dr. John McDonough in Peru about his experiences aboard the S.S. Hope.

John Clair Vance, Sr. died in January. His loss was mourned by his many friends and the host of patients he had served so well.

—J. L. F.

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CENTENNIAL PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Still available at the medical society office, 1005 Belmont Ave., are a number of souvenir autographed programs from the Nov. 4th centennial celebration. Anyone wanting a copy of the program may have it by stopping at the office. The extra large size of the program makes it very difficult to mail.

The program contains the original print by Henry Koerner, made especially for the centennial, and suitable for framing. The water-color from which the print was made now hangs in the medical society office.



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PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

Jan. 9, 1973

The regular meeting of the council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 1973, at the Youngstown Club.

Attention was called to the December monthly report, being the final budget report for 1972.

The proposed 1973 budget was discussed. The motion was made by Dr. Martin, and properly seconded, that the budget for council meetings be kept at \$900 and any expense over this be paid by council members. Motion was passed.

The motion was made by Dr. Dietz, and properly seconded, that the billing for 1974 membership dues be made in the first week in October. Motion was passed.

The motion was made by Dr. Holden, and properly seconded, that the Mahoning County Medical Society increase dues by \$10 per year. Motion was passed. This motion will be presented to the Medical Society at a regular meeting.

A letter was read from Dr. Kessler concerning copyrighting *Bulletin* material. The motion was made by Dr. Sovik, and properly seconded, that *Bulletin* material not be copyrighted. Motion was passed.

A letter was read from B.U.D.A. Mahoning County Methodone Program calling attention to a seminar on drug abuse during the week of Feb. 18. The secretary was instructed to send copies of the letter to the members of the drug abuse committee.

A letter was read from the Student American Medical Association asking for help in improving cultural and social contacts for interns under the Foreign Medical Student Exchange Program. The motion was made by Dr. Martin, and properly seconded, that this be brought up at a general meeting of the Medical Society. Motion was passed.

Dr. Pichette asked for good attendance at the Jan. 16 meeting and noted that all council members should be present to be installed.

Dr. Dietz reported on a meeting that he attended in Columbus on the subject of PSRO under the sponsorship of the Medical Advances Institute. The motion was made by Dr. Abdu, and properly seconded, that council hold a special meeting on the subject of PSRO. Motion was passed.

A resolution was passed for the Dollar Savings and Trust Co. permitting Dr. Pichette, Dr. Dietz and Dr. Chiu to sign checks during 1973.

Meeting was adjourned. Howard Rempes Executive Secretary

THREE NAMED HONORARY MEMBERS

In a brief business meeting at the Installation Banquet three retired physicians were elected to Honorary Membership in the Mahoning County Medical Society. So honored by their colleagues were Dr. J. M. Basile, Dr. H. Bryan Hutt and Dr. C. A. McReynolds. Dr. Hutt now lives in Buxton, N. C., and Dr. McReynolds lives in Lake Park, Fla.

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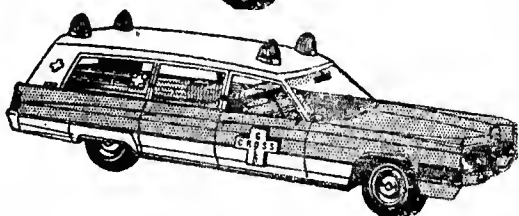
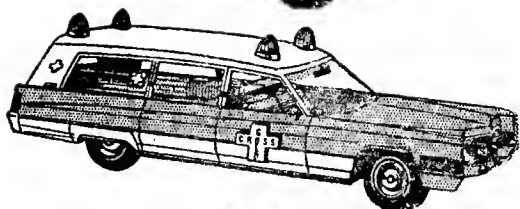
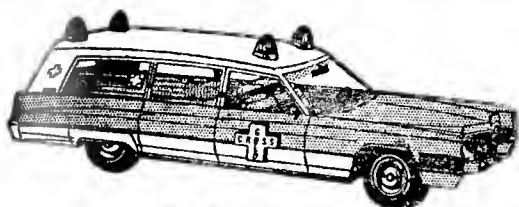
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